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WHAT IS  
GOOD  
AND  
WHAT IS  
BAD









One fine day  
a tiny laddie  
came  
and asked his dad:  
“Could you tell me,  
Daddy,  
what is *good*  
and what is *bad*?”  
All his daddy said  
I heard.  
Children,  
gather near.  
Daddy’s answer,  
word for word,  
I shall tell you  
here.















**After rainfall**

**comes the sun,  
driving off the cold.**

**That is good**

**for everyone,  
whether young  
or old.**



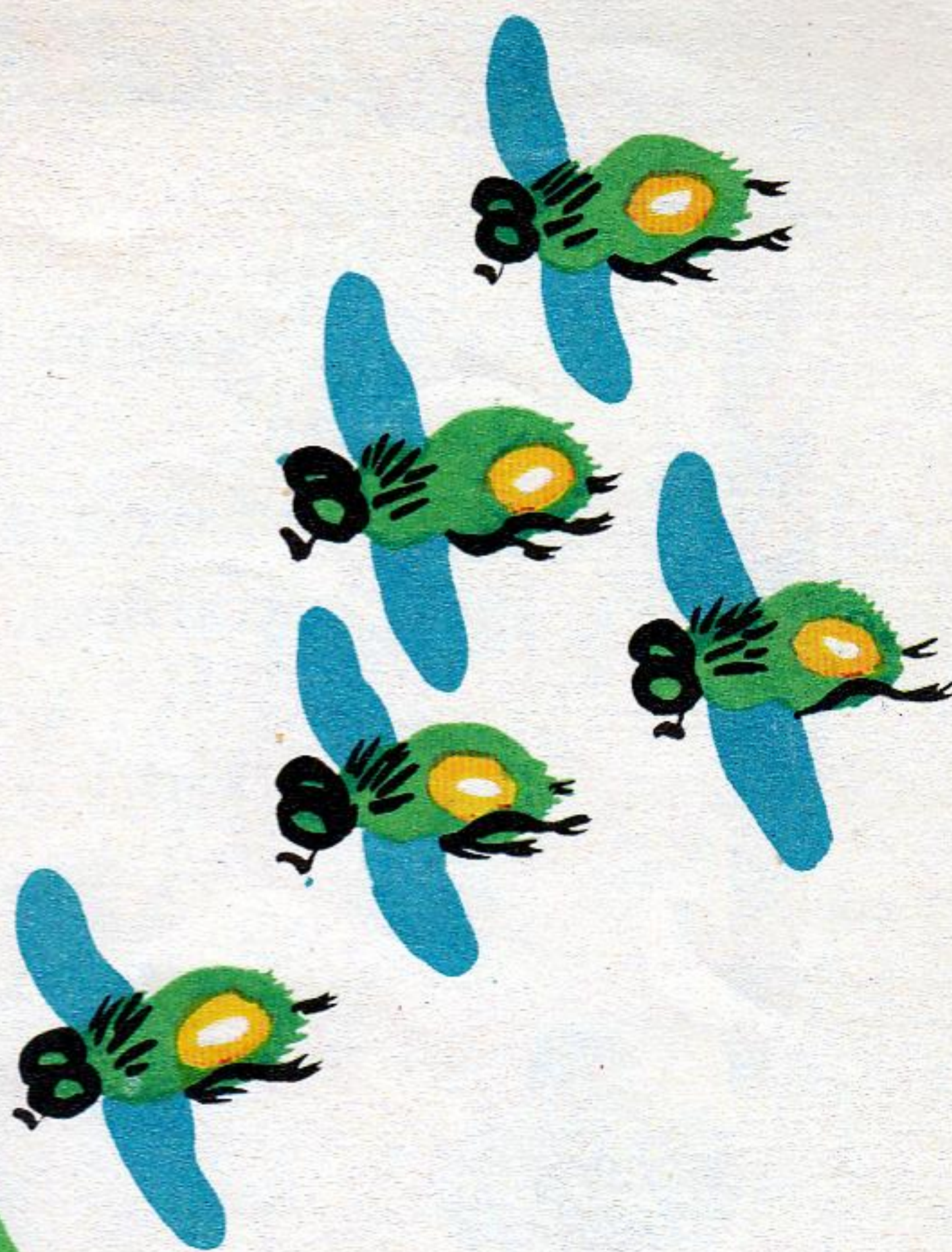


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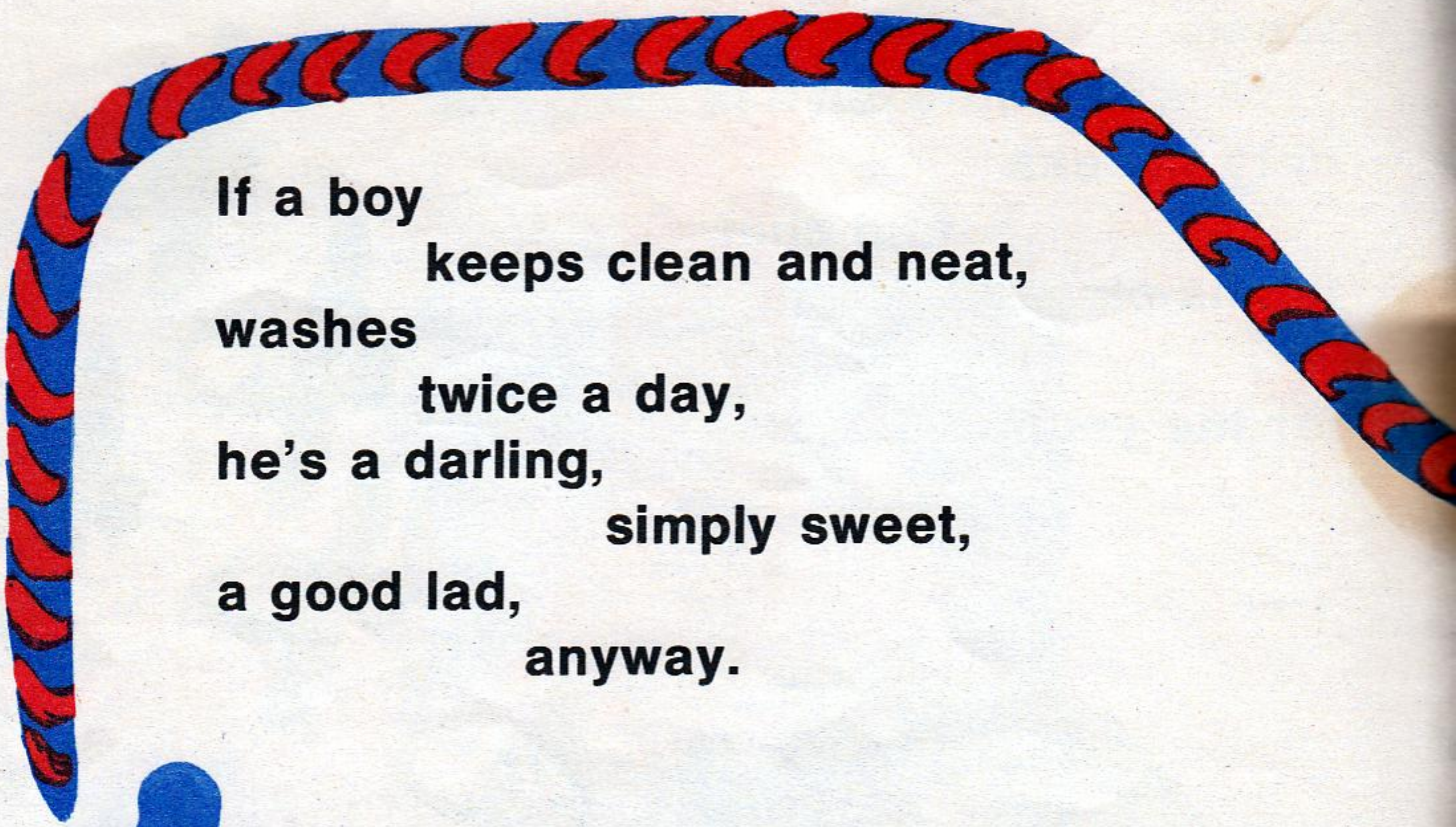
**a tiny little lad has  
dirty cheeks**

**and chin,  
this is clearly**

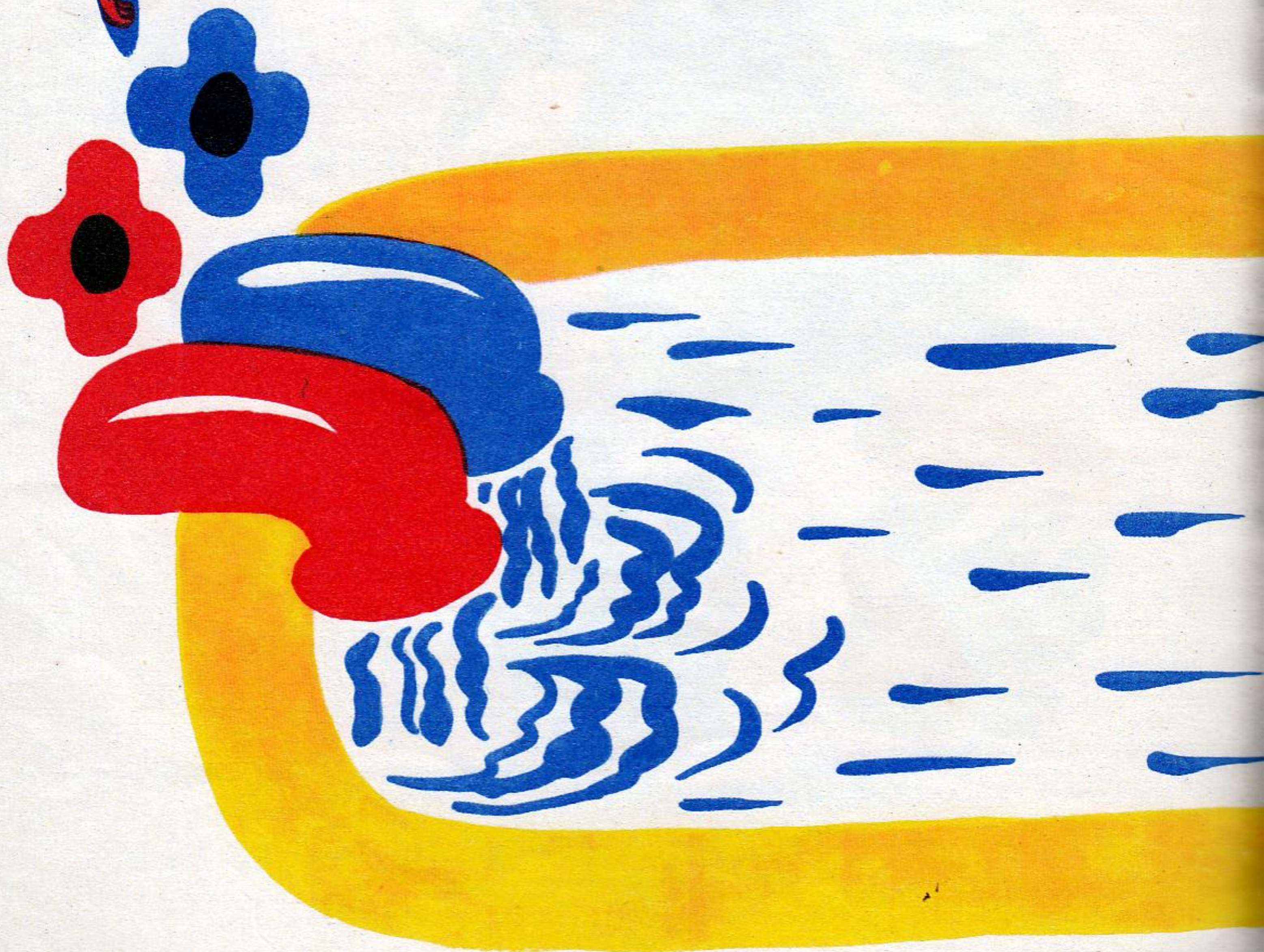
**very bad  
for the youngster's skin.**







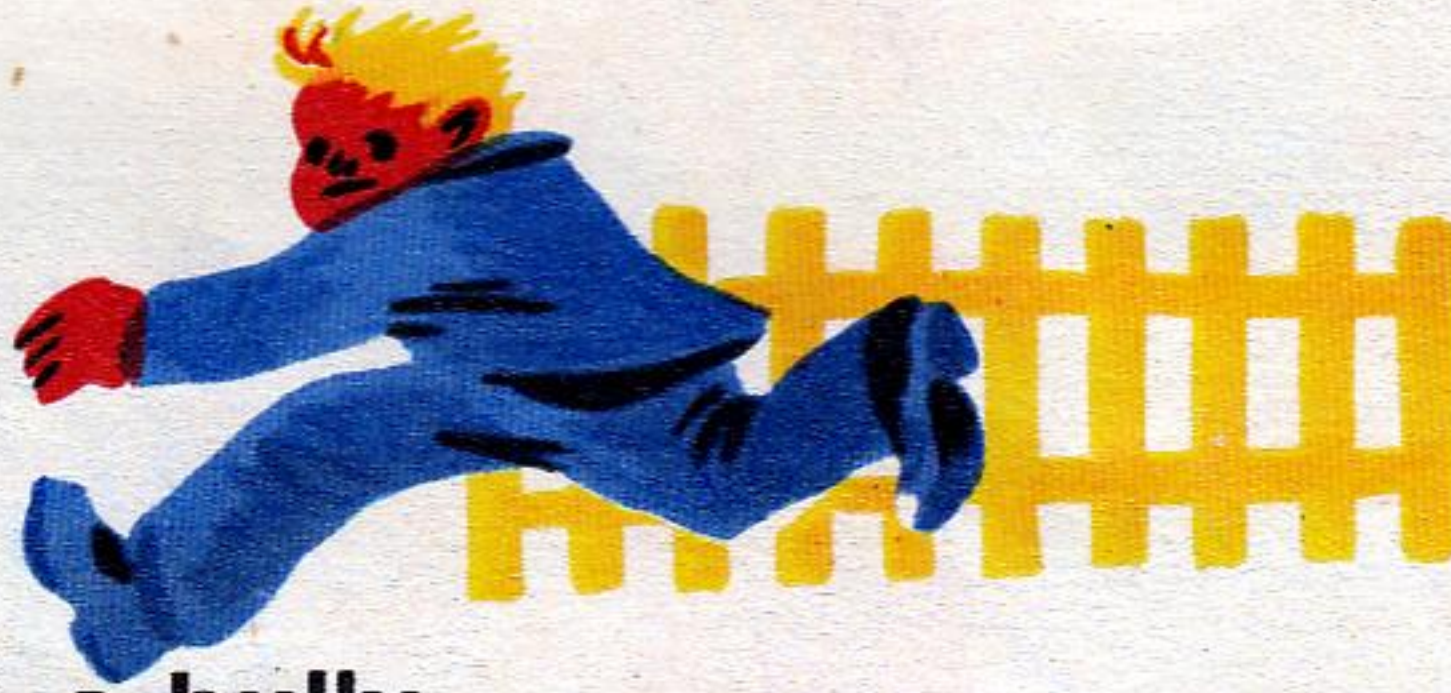
If a boy  
                  keeps clean and neat,  
washes  
                  twice a day,  
he's a darling,  
                                simply sweet,  
a good lad,  
                                anyway.











When a bully,  
Tom or Billy,  
thrashes  
weaker mates,  
his behaviour's bad and silly—  
which everybody  
hates.

This one shouts:  
"You mustn't touch  
smaller boys  
than you!"  
I admire him  
very much,  
and so,  
I'm sure,  
do you.



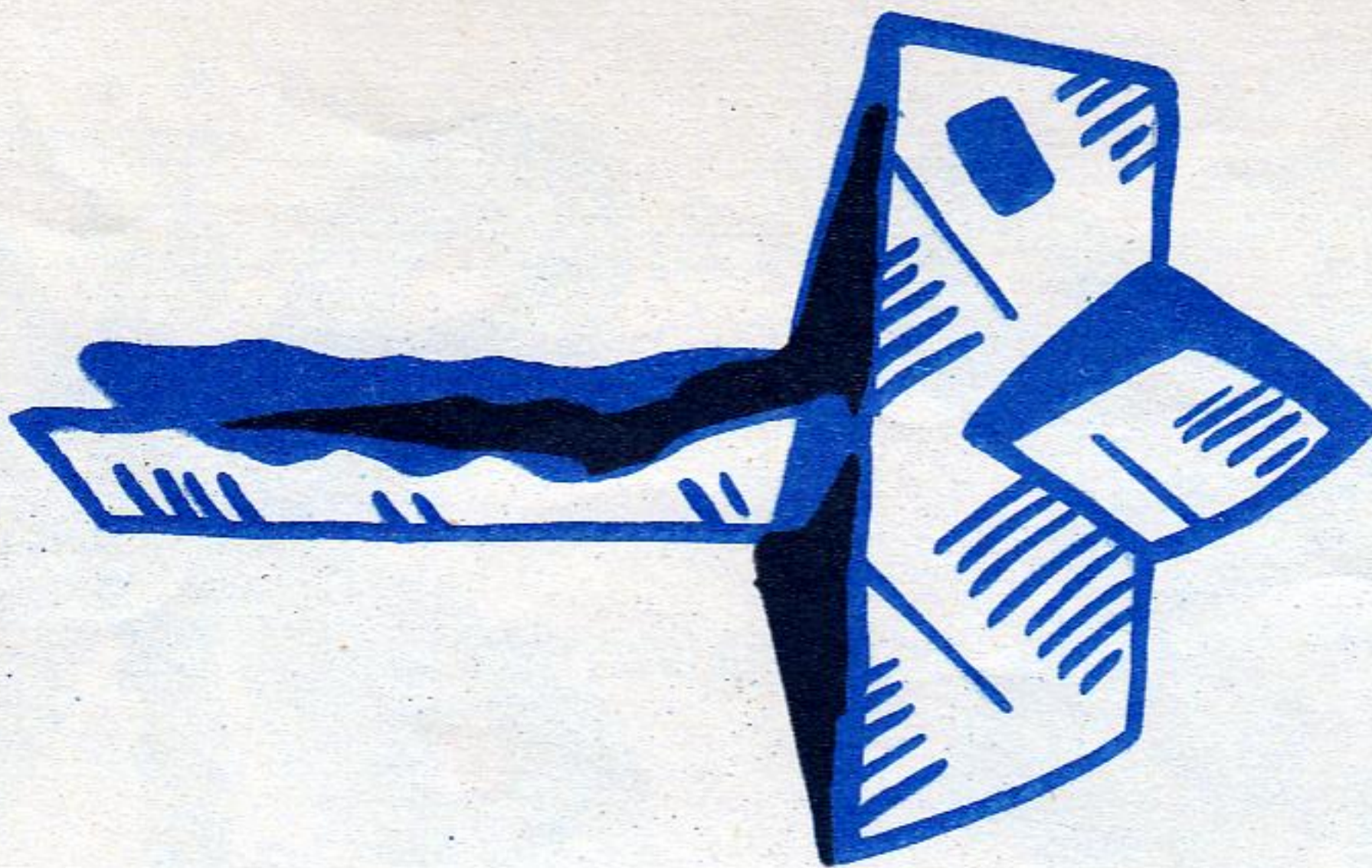








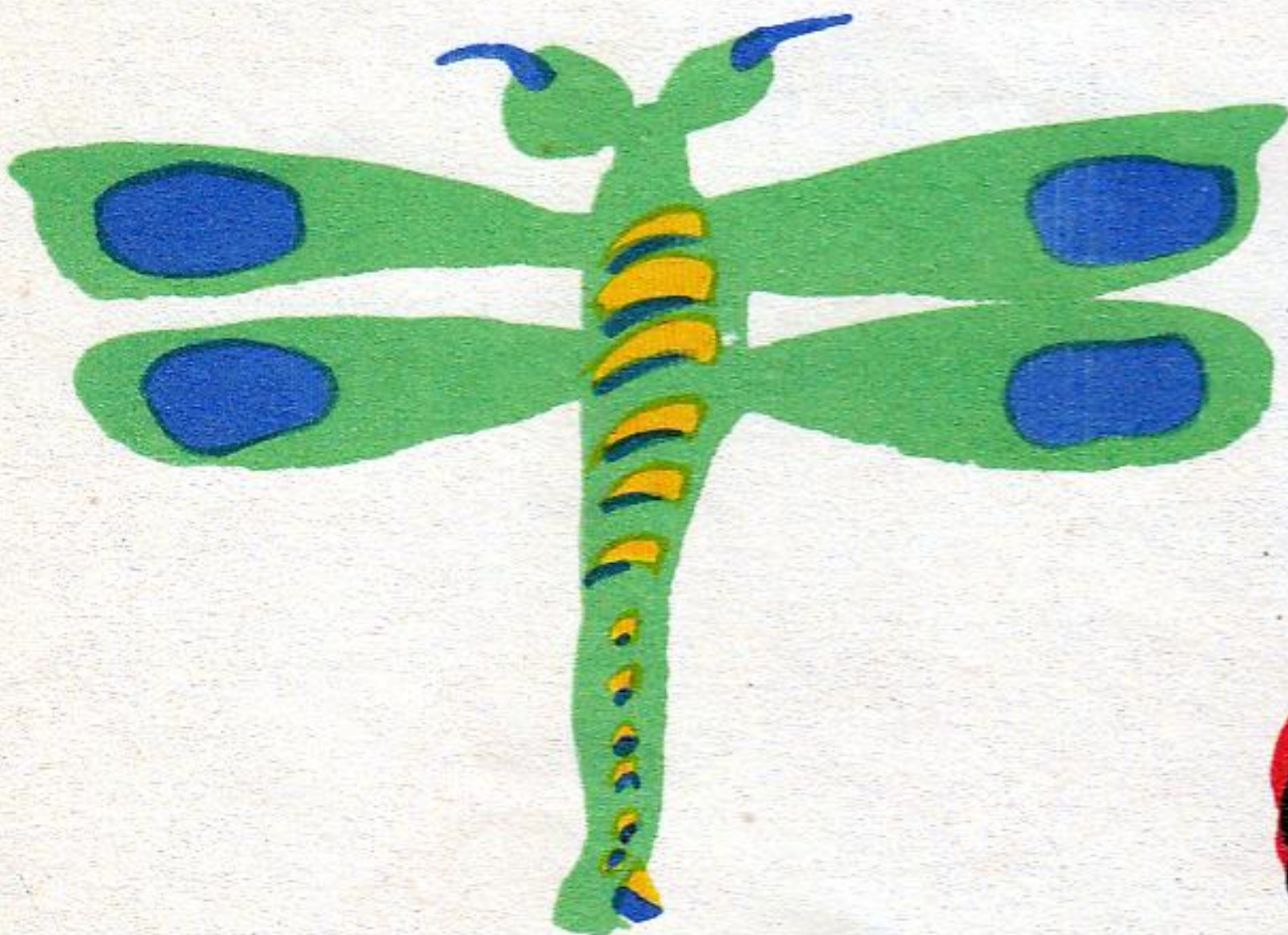




**If you spoil  
a book and toy  
in  
a single day,  
“That’s a baddish little boy!”  
everyone will say.**









**This one loves  
to work and read,  
likes drawing  
in his pad.  
He's a good one,  
yes, indeed,  
the proper kind  
of lad!**







**This baby's scared  
to see a crow.**

**Shame  
upon the lad!  
Cowardice,  
you ought to know,  
is very,  
very bad.**







**This one  
                  shoos the bird away  
from a hen and chicks.  
Good!  
          A brave boy,  
                                  we can say,  
though he's hardly six.**







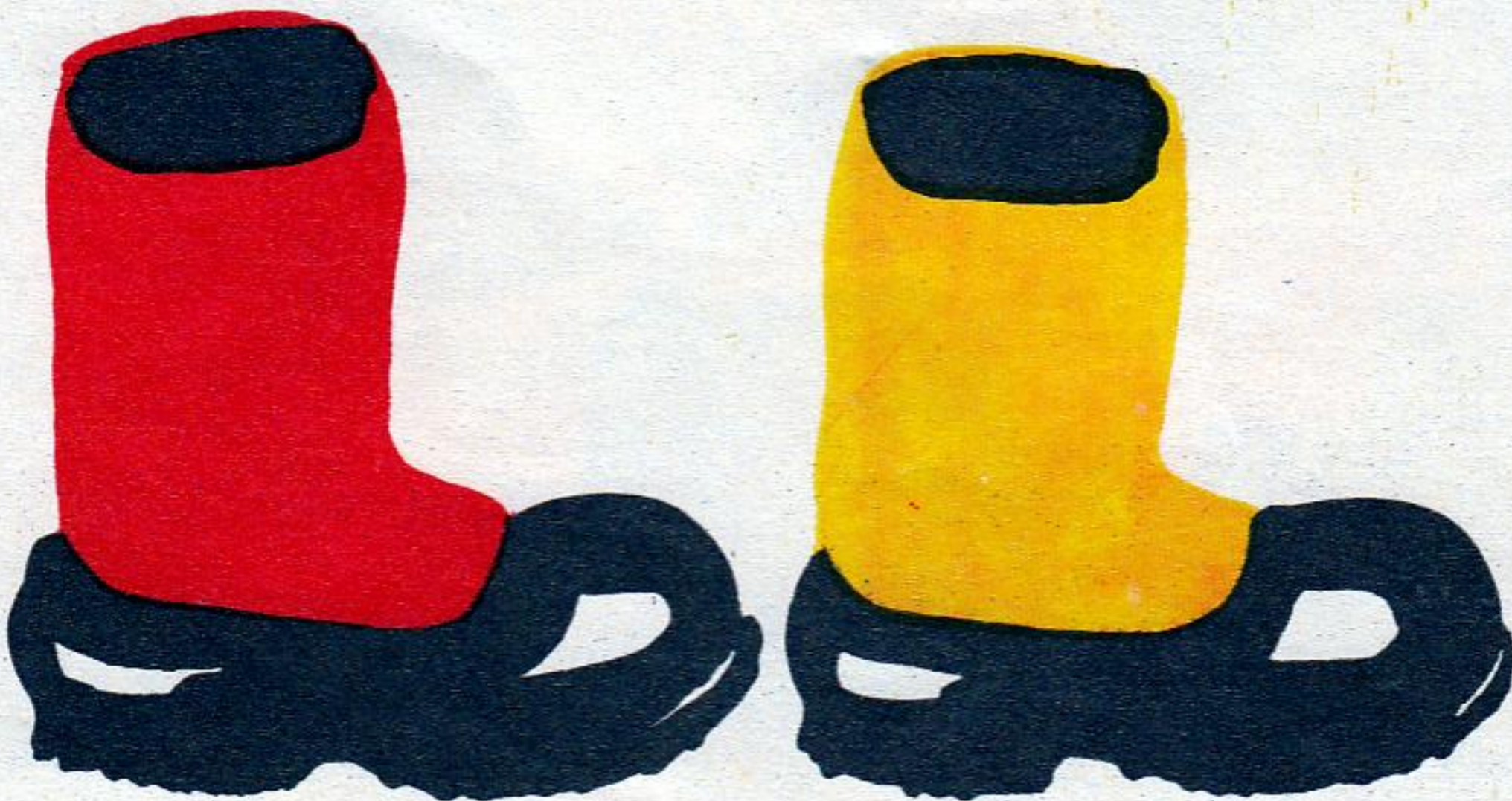


**This one  
                    wallows in the dirt,  
giggling with joy,  
soils his trousers  
                                    and his shirt,  
bad,  
                    untidy boy!**





**This one  
                  cleans his shoes himself,  
though  
                  just four years old,  
puts his things  
                  upon a shelf.  
He's  
                  as good as gold!**

















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